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[Despatch Abstract.]

Public Health - Risk to human health in the indiscriminate use of Aluminium Vessels - Press Communique issued - Papers Recorded.

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Risk to human health in the indiscriminate use of aluminium vessels.

Vessels for cooking and soring food form an essential equipment in household but people are apt to forget what an important role they play in the preservation of their health.

Vessels made of aluminium are extensively used in this Province for cooking and storing prepared food. Their popularity is probably due to their silvery lustre, lightness and comparative cheapness. Recent experiments carried out in India, and other countries have shown that certain foods where expecially tamarind and salt are used (for instance Sambhar, Rasam etc,) act on aluminium and dissolve it in appreciable amounts. Though the available evidence is that aluminium in the amounts it is likely to be consumed as a result of using aluminium vessels, may not have any harmful effect on all consumers, yet it is advisable that the use of these vessels is minimised as far as possible. A special words of caution is also necessary against the use ~~of these vesse~~ for cooking and sotring food of vessels made of aluminium scrap metals dismantled from aeroplanes and other war-discarded machinery. From the latest information available from the United Kingdom, it has been found that there is considerable injury to health attendant on the use of these vessels. Aluminium aeroscrap may contain certain alloying elements like nickel, copper, and Iron in excess of specified safe amounts and also lead. The uncertainty of the amounts of these elements in various components of air-crafts alloys renders the use of aeroscrap considerably harmful to human health.

It is a duty cast on the manufacturers of Aluminium vessels that they select for their ware only sound material. The Public have a right to demand from the traders a guarantee about the genuineness of the articles they purchase.

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Manufacture and sale of Aluminium Vessels - Use of aeroscrap in Manufacture.

From the Director of Public Health L.Dis.19194-5, Hyg/47 dated 2-9-47

Memo. 71523/47-4. G3, Public Health, dated 15-11-47.

The attention of the Director of Public Health is invited to the Press Communique No. 52, dated 6-11-47 (Copy enclosed) issued in the matter.

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To the Director of Public Health.

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The papers may now be recorded. Further action with reference to page 7 c.f. can and be taken if necessary on receipt of further communication from the Government of India.

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